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Body found in manhole

By **ALICIA FOX**
for Metro Calgary

A man's lifeless body was found lying face down in 15 centimetres of water at the bottom of a manhole in Bridgeland yesterday.

A passerby noticed a manhole cover at McDougall Park in the 900 block of McDougall Drive NE had been removed and flagged a nearby Enmax employee, who promptly called police after the discovery.

It took emergency crews nearly three hours to remove the body, having to secure the site, worried about potential poison gases and electric current underground

Jeff Budai of the Calgary Fire Department said the man was not an Enmax or city employee.

Copper wire was allegedly found surrounding the manhole, prompting speculation the man had been electrocuted lifting the metal from the below-grade electrical lines.

The Calgary Police Service Homicide Unit was initially called out to the scene, but then handed the investigation back to the District 3 GIU as it was determined foul play wasn't likely involved.

An autopsy is scheduled and results are expected today.

A dare turned into a fundraiser for members of the Calgary Police Service yesterday afternoon as they took turns racing around in tricycles to help raise $5,000 to fight cancer.

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Dare raises $5,000

Law enforcement pros race tricycles to help kids with cancer

By **KRISTA SYLVESTER**
Metro Calgary

good cause
» Candice Martin of the Kids Cancer Care Foundation was pleased with the fundraiser, saying, "Every dollar helps."

What started as a dare between two officers ended up with 22 tricycle-bound, spandex-clad law enforcement professionals — all racing for a good cause.

The Racing 4 Rainbows raised $5,000 for the Kids Cancer Care Foundation of Alberta — $4,900 more than the original $100 bet.

"We raised a lot more than we thought we would," organizer Sgt. Mark Colcy said.

Starting each race was youngster Shaine Lynn, diagnosed with brain cancer prior to his first birthday.

His father Paul was touched by the efforts to help kids like Shaine.

"It's just amazing; it's a really beautiful thing. It really shows how much Calgarians come together and care," he told Metro.

Fewer move in from provinces

Alberta is no longer a hot spot for in-country migrants.

The province boasted a population boost of 14,000 in the first quarter of 2008, including 5,300 immigrants and 4,000 non-permanent residents, according to a Statistics Canada report released yesterday.

Alberta only saw a net migration of 713 people from other provinces — compared with peak inter-provincial migration of 24,535 in 2006. Alberta's population is now slightly more than 3.5 million.

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Taft's leadership plans expected

The Alberta Liberal party leadership hangs in the balance as the party has called a news conference for this morning in Edmonton where it is expected leader Kevin Taft will announce his political future.

Taft

Taft said last month a decision on his tenure as leader of the party would be made at the end of June.

Questions surrounding Taft's future as leader have swirled since the landslide win by the governing Tories in the last provincial election — the Liberals lost seven of 16 seats in the election.

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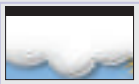

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Not for the faint of heart

Reporter takes on Olympic Park's rope challenge

By **KRISTA SYLVESTER**
Metro Calgary

I didn't know I was afraid of heights — that is until I took the Canada Olympic Park Rope Challenge yesterday.

Although strapped into a harness stitched up by professionals, I started to get nervous as I climbed the pole, one step at a time, until I got to the top.

I faced the real challenge as I was supposed to walk across a moving log, 30-feet long, while holding onto my rope and balancing in the air.

Not sure how to go about it, my legs started shaking below me, making the log move more. As I inched closer and closer to the middle, the log swung and I almost flew back, arms flailing in the air. I decided I would just end my attempt there, and jumped backwards off the log as the guys below me guided me down.

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Intrepid (well, maybe not) Metro scribe Krista Sylvester tests her acrophobic tendencies at the Canada Olympic Park Rope Challenge yesterday.

"You made it farther than most guys, including me," one said. But I think he was just trying to make me not feel bad.

The new rope challenge is just one of the many summer attractions at COP this season.

For more information, visit *www.canadaolympicpark.com*.

Pesticide ban moves forward

More than 100 show up to voice chemical concern

By **NEIL MACKINNON**
Metro Calgary

Calgary's pesticide use may drive Laureen Rama, a "canary in a coal mine," away from the city she loves.

About four years ago, Rama, an organic landscaper, moved into a renovated residence and contracted multi-chemical sensitivity disorder.

Pesticides make it worse, she says, and more than half of every day, half her face is covered by a gas-mask style charcoal filter.

"You don't want to lose me, but you're going to lose me and plenty of other people if you don't move forward on this," said Rama during her five-minute presentation in front of the city's utilities and environment committee yesterday, noting 20 years of community service and insisting there are around 50,000 Calgarians like her who suffer silently from pesticide residuals.

> *« You don't want to lose me, but you're going to lose me and plenty of other people if you don't move forward on this. »*
>
> *Laureen Rama, organic landscaper*

"I'm tired of dodging chemicals every day."

The committee moved forward yesterday and approved a phase-out of the cosmetic pesticide use — a plan that will still see debate at the council level.

However, it's going to be a long and bumpy road of amendments and education campaigns as evidenced by more than 100 people who showed up to speak their minds, mostly in favour of ridding the city of the chemicals.

A lone voice against the move Stan Audette, provincial chair of industry consortium Crop-Life Canada, questioned statistics that say pesticides are harmful to human health and the effective use of the city's "human and financial resources" by undertaking a study in the phase-out of pesticides.

Audette also said the industry is always learning, but "some of the outreach we've done hasn't been that robust" in terms of its educational efforts.

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Smell of trouble

Canines detect illicit activity at Calgary airport

By **ALICIA FOX**
for Metro Calgary

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Laura Hiscott and Rusty, a two-year-old Beagle, who is one of the two newest canine detectors at the Calgary airport.

money-sniffer

» One of the dogs is specially trained to sniff out the ink and paper used in Canadian and American cash, as travellers are required to claim any amount over $10,000.

With Calgary's labour shortage, it would be nice if everyone worked for treats and chew toys, but the four furry employees of the Calgary International Airport are probably the only ones happy to work for such meager pay.

In a display of talent yesterday in the baggage area, Rusty, a two-year-old beagle cross, and Blizzard, a two-year-old Nova Scotia duck-tolling retriever, identified which bags contained offending objects.

Cathy Keiller, superintendent of the Calgary Border Services Agency (CBSA) said there are 72 dog and officer teams across Canada, and four in Calgary, the newest being a dog that can detect large amounts of currency.

Two other dogs detect food in baggage, while the last is a narcotics-identifying pooch, all working with international and transborder flights.

"The dog is only one tool," Keiller said, adding that "spotter" officers are trained in interviewing skills and know "when there's something different about this person than a regular passenger."

NEIL MACKINNON/METRO CALGARY

Drive thru slow death?

Alderman wants to see them go

By **NEIL MACKINNON**
Metro Calgary

Drive thru windows may provide rapid convenience, but if Ald. Brian Pincott had his way, they'd meet the same fate as the poodle skirts and bouffant hairdos that accentuated their historical arrival.

"As we look at how we want to grow our city, which is more people oriented, more pedestrian scaled, drive thrus just aren't appropriate in that environment," said Pincott, pointing to a city council exclusion last week that explicitly "said no to drive-thrus" when it approved a plan for the future of land around Chinook LRT Station.

Pincott wants to build on that trend, allowing a slow death of drive-thrus as areas are redeveloped.

Jose Pardo thinks Pincott's idea "sucks" and although he agrees idling cars are problematic, he still can't stomach the notion of disappearing fast food windows.

"It's the best part of hot days. There's nothing quite like going to a drive-thru or drive in, picking up some food and sitting out in the sun," Pardo said.

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CBE support staff deal a 'good start'

It's not everything they wanted but it's a start, a staff association member told Metro after support workers voted to approve a mediator-recommended contract.

"It's a good start. As a member I can say it, we have definitely made some progress. It's not really monetary, actually it's largely not monetary," education assistant Donna Porter said.

On Tuesday night, about 1,300 members of the CBE Staff Association voted to support the contract, which reduced the length of the term from four years to three, but maintaining the CBE's wage offers. About 200 people voted against the contract

"We just want to be valued, that's a big thing. We want to know they are taking us seriously and I think after our actions they are starting to," she added.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

Stampeding out hunger

Get your photo with Grey Cup at today's Purolator food drive

By **KRISTA SYLVESTER**
Metro Calgary

if you go

» Purolator volunteers will be stationed at McMahon Stadium gates to accept donations and organize grey Cup photos.

In an effort to tackle hunger, the Calgary Stampeders and Purolator courier have teamed up to sack some food for the Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank.

Stampeders' quarterback Henry Burris helped round up some food yesterday in a pre-game day event showing support for tonight's Purolator Tackle Hunger Food Drive.

"I look forward to this every year and it's really exciting. I like to help out in anyway I can," Burris told Metro.

This is the sixth annual event initiated by Purolator. Manager Todd Denholm said they hope to double their total from last year and collect 25,000 pounds of food.

"We're just hoping fans can bring some non-perishable food items or donations down and get a picture with the Grey Cup," he said of tonight's event.

April Cruz of the Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank said donations are much needed in summer.

"We understand people get busy during the summer, but hunger never goes away and this really helps us get through these months that are usually a bit tougher," she said.

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Calgary Stampeders quarterback Henry Burris helps put together a food bank hamper yesterday as he helped kick off the Purolator Tackle Hunger food drive.

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» **ARREST** Calgary cops have made an arrest in a stabbing that occurred Tuesday afternoon. Two young men were fighting in a parking lot in the 3300 block of Spruce Drive SW when one combatant pulled a knife and stabbed the other. The assailant fled and got on to a bus that was later pulled over by police for the arrest. Bangamin Anny, 18, of Calgary is charged with assault with a weapon, possession of a weapon or imitation for a dangerous purpose.

» **PARTNERSHIP** Red Deer College will team with the Telus World of Science in Calgary to develop programs and events that will entice youth into the science and technology field. "As the Telus World of Science – Calgary moves toward the opening of our new science centre, we are excited to work with other educational leaders to ensure we have exceptional programs and offerings for teens," said newly appointed science centre CEO Jennifer Martin. Later this year, RDC is expected to open a new 180,000-square-foot expansion to house programs that will bring students together with businesses and entrepreneurs to develop programs and new products.

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ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Renowned 13-year-old musician and Calgarian Jan Lisiecki was recently appointed the UNICEF National Youth Representative.

Calgary teen named UNICEF ambassador

By **ALICIA FOX**
for Metro Calgary

A 13-year-old with a passion for music, travelling, and aspirations to one day be a pilot might seem like any other kid in Calgary, but this young man has a heart that's nearly as big as his accomplishments.

Recently appointed the UNICEF's National Youth Representative, Jan Lisiecki is known for his musical genius, demonstrated when he placed first in the national finals of the Canadian Music Competition in 2003 through 2006, and on May 18 made his Carnegie Hall debut.

> *« If it's played from the heart, music can reach people. »*
> *UNICEF Youth Representative Jan Lisiecki*

"It's an honour to be involved," Lisiecki said.

"Everyone should have the same privileges in the whole entire world."

He will be especially involved through fundraising and campaigning.

"Music is powerful," he said. "If it's played from the heart, music can reach people."

Holly Davidson, regional director with UNICEF Canada, said, "I think he'll be a great voice for us and bring attention to our cause through his music."

Petro-Can throne best in province

'No special formula' for taking care of roadside john

By **ALICIA FOX**
for Metro Calgary

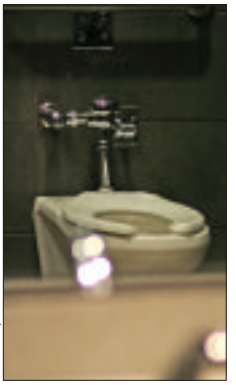
Like most people, Kathy and Allen Neurauter spend little time wondering where they might find the most hygienic head in Alberta.

That is until they received a phone call saying they had won an award for having the cleanest bathroom in the province.

The pair own and manage the Aldersyde Petro-Canada gas station, located on Highway 547 near Highway 2 just 20 minutes south of Calgary.

"We've always run our business like that. It's attention to detail," Allan said.

The couple found out last week that *powderroom.ca* had selected them, based on online public votes, for the first award since mystery shoppers had been making their rounds beginning in March.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The Aldersyde Petro-Canada was named cleanest public bathroom in the province by a *powderroom.ca* online poll.

The site is owned by Astellas Pharma Canada Inc. to raise awareness about overactive bladders.

The Neurauters will be receiving a certificate and a plaque commending them on their accomplishment, which they say takes "no special formula," but simply includes cleaning the 24-7 restroom twice per shift.

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SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Terror case continues

Khawaja labelled courier, financier by star witness

In the murky Al Qaeda underworld, Canadian Momin Khawaja was a courier, a bomb maker and a steady source of cash, court was told yesterday.

Emails and an eyewitness account showed that the accused 29-year-old terrorist was prepared to do whatever he could to support the jihadist movement based in Pakistan, including handing over thousands of dollars and recommending a suicide attack on Israel, the Crown's star witness, Mohammed Junaid Babar testified.

Justice Douglas Rutherford of Ontario Superior Court heard that Khawaja carried on email conversations about bomb making in 2003, delivered items to Al Qaeda in Pakistan and provided a home for the "brothers" to stay in Rawalpindi. Khawaja is being tried by Rutherford without a jury.

Khawaja an Ottawa software developer, was named as a co-conspirator in the London bombing plot hatched between November 2003 and March 2004.

He was arrested in Canada after the RCMP raided his Ottawa-area home in March 2004 and seized electronic components for a bomb detonator, six firearms, ammunition, books on terror tactics and $10,000 cash.

He has plead not guilty on all charges.

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deal struck

» Babar struck a deal with U.S. federal officials in New York under which he will be sentenced to 70 years in prison if he doesn't co-operate and isn't honest and forthright.

Protest **Harper's cabinet shuffle**

PATRICK DOYLE/REUTERS

A protester argues with an RCMP officer before a swearing-in ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa yesterday. The sign refers to David Emerson who is the new foreign affairs minister after Prime Minister Stephen Harper shuffled his cabinet yesterday to accommodate for Maxime Bernier's recent resignation. Senator Michael Fortier moves from public works to the international trade portfolio that Emerson leaves.

Bernier breaks public silence

Bernier

With his first public statement in over a month, Maxime Bernier yesterday denied his ex-girlfriend Julie Couillard ever told him about her past and criminal associations.

Bernier, who resigned as foreign affairs minister in late May after learning he had left classified documents at Couillard's home, said the papers were briefing notes prepared for a NATO summit in early April.

He said he did not notice they were missing because their contents were not sensitive enough to warrant having a bar code attached, which would have allowed their location to be monitored.

Subsequent media investigations have turned up at least two other men from Couillard's past with strong ties to organized crime in Quebec.

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» **ONTARIO** Anthony Hanemaayer's acquittal yesterday for a 1987 sex attack committed by Paul Bernardo exposed what his lawyers call a multitude of problems plaguing Canada's justice system, including the use of dangerous eyewitness evidence. Hanemaayer's lawyers hope his wrongful conviction and the 20 years he spent paying for Bernardo's crime will translate into compensation for their client and a police investigation into whether the serial killer committed other offences.

» **BLACK** A U.S. federal appeals court yesterday upheld the conviction of former press baron Conrad Black and three ex-colleagues found guilty last year of defrauding shareholders of Hollinger International Inc.

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Firefighters refuse duty

Nova Scotia union fight causes blazes to go unattended

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
Metro Halifax

For the second day in a row, a couple of dozen firefighters in HRM refused to respond to fires yesterday.

The firefighters, who work out of 14 stations outside the city core, are in a dispute with their employer about how many of them should be on a rig when attending a fire.

A recent decision by the provincial Occupational Health and Safety appeal panel states that four-person crews are required as an initial response to a fire.

Firefighter union president Paul Boyle said the union has a different interpretation of this mandate than Halifax Fire and Emergency Services.

They take it to mean that four members should be on a fire-bound truck. The employer says as long as there are four firefighters at the scene, it doesn't matter how they arrived.

Sometimes, though, one rig with only two members will show up to a fire anywhere from five to 30 minutes before the second arrives.

"That happens all the time," said Boyle.

The two at the scene are left to sit and watch the building burn, even if there are people inside, until more firefighters arrive.

One firefighter Metro spoke to yesterday, who didn't want his name published, said if there were people inside he'd have no choice but to try to save them. He said he would later be reprimanded for his actions.

If he was injured, he believes he wouldn't be covered by the employer because he broke the rule.

The union met with the fire service and the Labour Department yesterday.

It's hoping the appeal panel will offer a clarification by the end of the week so things can get back to normal.

ROBYN YOUNG/METRO HALIFAX

Jim Stymiest, top, of the Herring Cove Fire Department is one of a couple of dozen firefighters in HRM who are refusing to work if there aren't at least four firefighters on board the rig when attending a structure fire.

Edmonton cops chasing firebugs

Blaze breaks out after police brief on suspects

By **VICTORIA HANDYSIDES**
Metro Edmonton

Moments after a news conference yesterday where Edmonton police said that they were close to catching a number of serial arsonists plaguing the city's west end, another intentionally set blaze broke out, in that area.

Since April, 22 fires have been set near Stony Plain Road. Since October, 14 fires have been set in the north end. Yesterday around 11:30 a.m., a truck and camper were set on fire in a back alley near 98 Avenue and 154 Street, bringing the tally up to four in the Meadowlark area in the past two weeks.

Desperate to put out the flames, police Chief Mike Boyd organized a special task force at the beginning of June made up of 18 members of various detachments, and believe they closing in on the firebugs.

Khadr tapes ordered released

Videotapes that show Omar Khadr crying, ripping off his shirt and asking for help from his Canadian interrogators have been ordered released to the Guantanamo detainee's lawyers.

In a ruling released late yesterday, Federal Court Justice Richard Mosley wrote that, once the government has obscured interrogators' faces to protect their identities, the video of Khadr's February 2003 interrogation must be handed over. Mosley also suggested that a Canadian official knew Khadr had been abused by U.S. authorities at Guantanamo prior to his visit but interrogated him anyway. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Actors Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have donated $1 million for educational aid to children impacted by the Iraq war in that country and in the United States, a charitable organization said yesterday. REUTERS

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6 dead in Kentucky shootings

Worker argued with boss before rampage: Police

A worker at a plastics plant in Kentucky shot and killed five people inside the factory yesterday and wounded a sixth before killing himself, police said.

Local media reports said the violence was triggered by a dispute the 25-year-old man had with a supervisor, who was among the dead.

The police department in Henderson, Ky., said the man who did the shooting entered the Atlantis Plastics plant in Henderson and began firing a handgun. He was not immediately identified.

random victims

» One local media report said most of the victims appeared to have been shot at random and were scattered around the plant.

The shooter, who died of a self-inflicted wound, and one of his victims were pronounced dead inside the plant.

Four others were pronounced dead after being taken to hospitals and a sixth victim was in stable condition at a hospital in Evansville, Ind., police said.

Atlantis, which has a number of U.S. plants, produces molded plastics at the Henderson facility. REUTERS

Don't mix sports and politics: IOC

China chided after party boss' speech

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) told China yesterday to stop mixing sport and politics after a speech by Tibet's Communist Party boss at the end of last weekend's Beijing torch relay leg in Lhasa.

"The IOC regrets that political statements were made during the closing ceremony of the Torch Relay in Tibet," the IOC said in a brief statement.

"We have written to BOCOG (Beijing Games organizers) to remind them of the need to separate sport and politics and to ask for their support in making sure that such situations do not arise again."

The IOC has said before it has "no political mandate" to instruct countries how to behave and had to fend off growing international criticism it was doing too little to press China on human rights violations and Tibet.

Paralympic torch

» China, whose Beijing Olympic torch relay was dogged by protest overseas, yesterday cancelled the international leg of the Paralympic torch relay. The torch had been scheduled to visit Olympic host cities of London, Vancouver and Sochi, but will now be restricted to mainland China.

It has also worked hard to keep Games-linked events and ceremonies as politics-free as possible as scrutiny of China's foreign policies and human rights records is mounting with the Aug 8-24 Games approaching.

Hardliner Zhang Qingli made the comments at a ceremony marking the end of Saturday's two-hour parade of the Olympic flame through the streets of Lhasa, the scene of anti-Chinese riots in March. REUTERS

Argentina **Activists protest use of fur**

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Activists clad in underwear with red body paint protest against the use of fur in Buenos Aires, Argentina, yesterday.

Bush calls Zimbabwe vote a 'sham'

President George W. Bush yesterday called run-off elections to be held in Zimbabwe tomorrow a sham and accused President Robert Mugabe's government of intimidation.

Zimbabwe's neighbors have urged postponement of the elections, saying that re-election of Mugabe could lack legitimacy in the current violent climate.

But Zimbabwe's Electoral Commission ruled that opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai's withdrawal from the election had no legal force and the poll would go ahead.

"Friday's elections, you know, appear to be a sham," Bush said after meeting with members of the UN Security Council at the White House.

"You can't have free elections if a candidate is not allowed to campaign freely and his supporters aren't allowed to campaign without fear of intimidation," he said. REUTERS

animals

Spain looks to give apes rights

LEGISLATURE Spain's parliament voiced its support yesterday for the rights of great apes to life and freedom in what will apparently be the first time any national legislature has called for such rights for non-humans.

Parliament's environmental committee approved resolutions urging Spain to comply with the Great Apes Project, devised by scientists and philosophers who say our closest genetic relatives deserve rights hitherto limited to humans.

flood

Storms continue to pound Midwest

CROPS A new round of storms dumped a half foot or more of rain across parts of the U.S. Midwest yesterday, dealing fresh trouble to a region already struggling with billions of dollars in flood damage.

The bad news came as a key farm group estimated U.S. crop damage this year had hit $8 billion US nationwide. REUTERS

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In Brief

» **MILITANTS** Saudi Arabia has detained 520 suspected al Qaeda-linked militants since January, accusing some of them of planning car bomb attacks against an oil installation in the kingdom, the Interior Ministry said yesterday. REUTERS

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Radical shift needed: Study

'Carbon revolution' required to curb warming: Group

The world needs a shift as radical as the Industrial Revolution to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 while safeguarding economic growth, the McKinsey Global Institute said yesterday.

It said in a study that a modern "carbon revolution" to curb global warming would require a tenfold rise by 2050 in the level of economic output for every ton of greenhouse gases emitted, mainly by burning fossil fuels.

carbon productivity

» The group estimated the world needed to produce $7,300 of gross domestic product (GDP) for every ton of carbon dioxide emitted by 2050, up from a carbon productivity rate of $740 now.

"This is comparable in magnitude to the labour productivity increases of the Industrial Revolution," the 48-page report said. The institute is the economic research arm of consultants McKinsey & Co.

"Increasing carbon productivity tenfold in less than 50 years will be one of the greatest tests humankind has ever faced. But both history and economics give us confidence it can be done," it said.

Most technologies were already available, ranging from better building insulation to cleaner coal generation, to axe world emissions of greenhouse gases by 64 per cent by 2050, or to 20 billion tons a year from 55 billion in 2008, it said.

Such cuts are far stiffer than those considered by most nations.

The Group of Eight leading industrial countries, which will meet in Japan next month, are considering a goal of a 50 per cent cut in world emissions by 2050. The United States and Russia have opposed such a goal in the past.

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Jerusalem Fireworks show

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Israelis watch a fireworks display yesterday during the celebration for the inauguration ceremony of The Bridge of Strings in Jerusalem.

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» **BAN** China's financial hub of Shanghai has sent notices to dissidents, petitioners and other "controlled" people banning them leaving the city during the Olympics to ensure security, a rights group said on Tuesday.

» **SPY** A White House-backed spy bill to protect telecommunication companies from billions of dollars in potential damages from privacy lawsuits passed a Senate test vote yesterday, and headed toward final congressional approval. REUTERS

Rocket attack puts ceasefire in danger

Israel kept its border crossings with the Gaza Strip shut yesterday, saying it was in response to a Palestinian rocket salvo that breached an Egyptian-brokered ceasefire.

The crossings were to have opened at 8 a.m. local time to let imports reach the impoverished territory. But Israeli military liaison official Peter Lerner said they would stay closed until further notice.

"Any reopening will be in accordance with security considerations," he told Reuters.

On Tuesday, Islamic Jihad militants fired several rockets into southern Israel, breaching a five-day-old Gaza truce in what they called retaliation for the Israeli army's killing of one of their commanders in the occupied West Bank. REUTERS

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New products from RIM

BlackBerry maker goes head-to-head with rivals

Consumers could be seeing cheaper BlackBerry models from Research In Motion Ltd. as the device-maker prepares to go head-to-head with rivals such as Apple Inc. over the next six months.

Co-CEO Jim Balsillie said yesterday that RIM will roll out a "flurry" of new products through the second half of the year, and that the pricing of some devices could be lowered in a bid to drive further acceptance.

A similar strategy has been adopted by Apple, which said earlier this month that its second-generation iPhone would cost as little as $199 US with carrier subsidies, compared to $399 US for the existing model.

RIM yesterday reported fiscal first-quarter earnings that more than doubled to $482.5 million US. Sales rose to $2.24 billion as RIM's global subscriber base grew by 2.3 million to a total of about 16 million. However, RIM failed to meet the market's expectations for earnings for the first time in five quarters. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

EnCana to buy La. properties

Indigo Minerals LLC said yesterday it will sell some of its acreage in northwestern Louisiana to EnCana Corp. for $457 million US, just over a week after EnCana announced its entrance into the hot exploration region.

Indigo, owned by private-equity investors, said the properties total 89,500 acres in several counties, including fee mineral rights leased to Calgary-based EnCana or other companies, unleased mineral rights and interests in 242 wellbores already drilled on the properties.

"We continue to look at opportunities for additional land acquisition on the play," said an EnCana spokesman. REUTERS

pharmaceuticals

Biovail rejects slate by founder Melnyk

VOTE Biovail Corp. shareholders overwhelmingly rejected a dissident slate of directors proposed by company founder Eugene Melnyk, opting to stick with the current board, the biotech company said yesterday. REUTERS

Paris Sale on style

CHARLES PLATIAU/REUTERS

A woman walks yesterday by a shop with signs announcing summer sales in Paris. Shops in certain regions of France have started their summer sales, which last for six weeks.

»news In Brief

» **FED** The U.S. Federal Reserve held interest rates steady, leaving the benchmark overnight fed funds rate at 2 per cent. REUTERS

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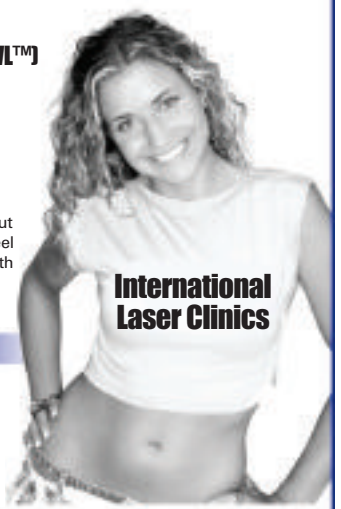

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sports

The Tampa Bay Lightning and forward Vincent Lecavalier, left, have reportedly agreed to a nine-year deal. TSN.ca reports the star centre agreed to an extension that will pay him $77 million US. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Germany pulls one out

Lahm's late goal helps favourites advance to final

EURO2008

Germany beat Turkey 3-2 in another Euro 2008 thriller yesterday to line up a final on Sunday against either Russia or Spain and end their opponents' roller-coaster ride through the tournament.

Turkey, who saved themselves with late goals in three previous matches, appeared to have repeated the feat when Semih Senturk equalized to make it 2-2 in the 86th minute and seemingly force extra time.

But Germany, who had been second best for most of the match against a side ravaged by suspensions and injury, took a page from Turkey's book and came back themselves in the final minute of normal time to snatch victory at St Jakob Park in Basel, Switzerland.

Defender Philipp Lahm, who had failed to stop the cross that led to Turkey's equalizer, emerged as the match winner after playing a one-two with Thomas Hitzlsperger and lashing the ball high into the net past goalkeeper Rustu Recber.

"It was one of most beautiful moments in my life, getting into the final," Lahm said. "That's always beautiful. We missed that at the (2006) World Cup. Today it worked out. We want to win the title."

Turkey coach Fatih Terim congratulated Germany and added: "I am proud of my players and think their will to play well, and the technical support, all came together and they were able to show the world what a good team they were.

"I think we are leaving as the most colourful team of the tournament." REUTERS

ALEXANDER HASSENSTEIN/BONGARTS/GETTY IMAGES

Germany's Philipp Lahm, centre, celebrates after scoring in the 90th minute against Turkey during semifinal action yesterday at Euro 2008 in Basel, Switzerland. Lahm's goal proved to be the winner that sent Germany into Sunday's championship final.

Djokovic turfed at All England Club

Safin cruises to big win over Serb

A dazed Novak Djokovic was jettisoned from Wimbledon yesterday and his fellow Serb Ana Ivanovic was lucky not to suffer the same fate on a day of high drama at the All England Club.

Third-seed Djokovic became the biggest name to tumble out of the grasscourt championships when he was dumped in the second round by Marat Safin.

The Russian broke down Djokovic's weak resistance for a 6-4, 7-6, 6-2 victory on a surface he claims to hate.

Nathalie Dechy could have completed a bad day for the Serbs when she came within a whisker of knocking out world No. 1 Ivanovic in a nerve-jangling contest.

But a lucky netcord, at match point down in the second set, allowed Ivanovic to stage a great escape and she shrieked in delight after completing a pulsating 6-7, 7-6, 10-8 win.

"I couldn't believe it, I was so lucky," Ivanovic said after surviving the three-hour, 24-minute thriller.

Back on the men's side, Roger Federer's pursuit of a sixth consecutive title gathered momentum when he ousted Sweden's Robin Soderling 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 with the minimum of fuss, while Canada's Frank Dancevic lost 4-6, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4 to American Bobby Reynolds. REUTERS

ALESSIA PIERDOMENICO/REUTERS

Third-seeded Novak Djokovic shows his frustration during his match against Marat Safin yesterday at Wimbledon.

»sports In Brief

» **NHL** The Phoenix Coyotes acquired forward Brian McGrattan from the Ottawa Senators yesterday in exchange for a fifth-round selection in the 2009 draft. McGrattan, 26, recorded three assists in 38 games with the Sens last season.

» **NHL** The Vancouver Canucks claimed forward Kyle Wellwood off waivers from the Toronto Maple Leafs yesterday. Toronto waived the forward on Tuesday.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Raptors close to swap for O'Neal

Ford traded to Indiana: Report

The Toronto Raptors have reportedly agreed in principle to acquire six-time all-star forward Jermaine O'Neal from the Indiana Pacers.

The deal was reported by several media sources, including the Indianapolis Star, on the eve of the NBA Draft. The newspaper reports the Pacers would get point guard T.J. Ford, center Rasho Nesterovic, an unnamed player, and the rights to Toronto's 17th pick in tonight's draft.

O'Neal

The deal is contingent on players passing physicals.

O'Neal played in just 42 games last season due to an injury to his left knee and averaged 13.6 points and 6.7 rebounds. He has career averages of 14.4 points and 7.7 boards. O'Neal spent the first four seasons of his career playing for the Trail Blazers.

Ford played in just 51 games this past season, mostly due to a spinal cord contusion, and averaged 12.1 points and 6.1 assists. He became expendable due to the solid play of Jose Calderon.

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Rewarding loyal customers

Credit card firms, banks offer many different incentives

Let's say you were walking through a store and you came across a pair of shoes you really wanted, but it was expensive enough for you to say, "Well, I don't really need them." But what if buying those shoes earned you points towards something bigger in the future, such as movie passes or plane tickets? All of a sudden, that price tag may not seem so high.

That's basically how loyalty and reward programs work: In exchange for shopping exclusively with a retailer or by paying a certain way, customers are in turn rewarded with points they can turn in for luxury items. And Canadians have been participating in them for years — Canadian Tire has been doling out their own dollars and cents since 1958.

Loyalty programs boost profits and provide research for big businesses — and each of them have different rewards initiatives based on the type of customer they're trying to attract. Metro asked major banks and credit card companies across the country to present some of their most successful rewards programs. Here's what we came up with from the ones that responded to our queries, and you can compare them:

SCOTIABANK: It has a few, but its most dynamic is their Scene program, according to John Doig, senior vice-president of marketing, sales and service. It's a joint venture with Cineplex targeted at movie-goers and has gained more than 810,000 members in 12 months. Customers get an immediate 10 per cent off on movie concessions and earn points through buying tickets at Cineplex theatres. Rewards include free movie admissions.

CIBC: This bank boasts its Aerogold Visa card — one of the country's biggest — as its most valuable rewards initiative. On average, 2,000 Aerogold members fly for free every day, says Ernie Johannson, senior vice-president of marketing for CIBC retail markets. Cardholders earn one mile for every dollar spent, redeemable for flights and other reward items. Other features include guaranteed hotel reservations, insurance coverage and discounted car rentals. The bank recently launched a program where customers get 1.5 miles per dollar if they shop at gas, grocery or drug stores.

RBC: One-stop shopping is the name of the game with RBC's Visa Avion program. Customers earn points through use of the card and can then redeem points for travel with any airline, merchandise, gift cards (among them Future Shop, Golf Town and Starbucks) and can even contribute to RRSPs, RESPs or mortgage and loan payments. The program also lets the more altruistic consumer make donations to charities.

BMO: This bank has gone beyond the use of points with credit cards and expanded into debit card use. Its customers can now collect Air Miles by paying with their BMO debit card. BMO media rep Ralph Marranca says a major reason for this was that last year, the number of debit transactions in Canada surpassed the number of credit card transactions for the first time. One of their biggest credit card programs, Marranca notes, is the revamped BMO Mosaik Gold MasterCard, where customers can get a 20 per cent discount on Air Miles redemptions, among other benefits.

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Many banks and credit card companies offer travel rewards as part of their loyalty programs.

TD: The bank's TD Visa Infinite Card touts variety as its major selling point, offering cardholders "book any way" flexibility, travel insurance and services. You can apply your points — three TD points for every $1 you spend on the card — towards deals or promotions with the travel agency, hotel or airline of their choice.

AMEX: This credit card company's AeroplanPlus program offers one travel rewards mile for every dollar spent on the card (Gold members get 1.25 miles per dollar after they've purchased $10,000 with the card within a year). In addition, AMEX offers a Blue Sky credit card, where members pay no annual fees and can redeem their rewards for any airline, hotel, cruise or car rental. Cardholders get 1.25 Blue Sky Points for every $1 of purchases on the card, and free redeemable travel starts at 10,000 points.

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Accessibility key aspect of successful programs

Must be able to exchange points for rewards quickly

Initiatives to get your exclusive business are a dime a dozen: Everywhere you look, companies and retailers offer you bonus miles, points, exclusive deals and club memberships. But businesses know that a customer's wants evolve and so must their programs to keep you interested in investing your time and money with them. Here's a look at what the experts call some of the latest trends in loyalty and rewards, and what the successful ones should have.

Reward programs, retail or otherwise, do huge business in Canada, so much so that setting up shop in this country without one is next to unthinkable. The Hudson's Bay Company, for example, offers its HBC Rewards program through all its outlets: The Bay, Zellers and Home Outfitters. It also offers its program through Esso gas stations.

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Younger collectors of rewards points are more likely to trade them in for technology and short trips, experts say.

Kelly Hlavinka, managing partner of Colloquy, a Cincinnati, Ohio-based loyalty marketing researcher, says 9 out of 10 Canadians participate in some manner of rewards program (as opposed to 5 out of 10 in the U.S.).

"Canadian customers are clearly looking for more value when they spend their money," she says. "More consumers are expecting loyalty and reward programs from the companies with which they do business."

Accessibility is of key importance, says Neil Everett, senior vice-president and chief marketing officer of Air Miles. For a loyalty program to succeed, customers must be able to exchange their points for rewards fairly quickly after signing up, and there has to be a wide range of redeemable items for different consumers. Boomers, for example, are trading in for flights and cruises, families exchange for amusement park passes, and younger collectors (under 30) are choosing technology and short trips.

"It's starting with identifying your customer and the kind of loyalty you're trying to create, and tied to that is your business objective," said Everett. "You have to create the right incentive and aspirations and make it attainable."

Hlavinka forecasts a bright future for reward programs. More of them will be geared towards women (otherwise known as the primary financial decision-maker in consumer data collecting circles) and technological items such as mobile phones will be more in demand. Experience rewards such as trips will continue to be among the most popular, resulting in a wider range of travel packages being offered.

Soothsaying aside, she notes that a good rewards program, at its heart, should be an accurate reflection of how its customers spend their money.

"It's really a direct result of what customers are engaging in, and the different items they're redeeming their points for," she says.

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Beware of Big Brother?

Firms not likely to mine your details, privacy expert says

By **BRIAN TOWIE**
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What happens with your personal information when you scan your loyalty and rewards card at the grocery store?

You know the drill: You head to the checkout with your shopping basket and give the salesperson your loyalty and rewards card. They scan it, you pay, and you're that much closer to your reward.

Understand, however, that these types of programs are often two-way streets, and there's a price for the extra benefits you can get: While you're racking up bonus miles and points, retailers are keeping track in their own way by recording your purchasing information — and are privy to data that can tell them when and where you've shopped, how much you've spent, and even the items you've bought.

"They (businesses) can take a look at your transactions and see that you may have a lot of money for discretionary spending and then market to you accordingly," says Michael Janigan, executive director and general counsel with the Public Interest Advocacy Centre in Ottawa. "Or they might look and see that you pay by Visa for amounts as low as $7 — you may be accessible to advertisements for payday loans. There's a whole wealth of information that can be mined in that circumstance. What is marketed to the customer as an incentive to shop at a store is actually something quite different."

You can get a fair idea of what businesses are looking at by the kind of junk mail you get, but would it be possible for a marketer, if they were interested in finding out, to electronically rifle through your shopping basket to find out what kind of condoms you're buying? In some programs, yes. While federal privacy laws under PIPEDA (Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act) dictate businesses require your consent to collect or even disclose such information, contracts with these types of programs are entirely one-sided, says Janigan.

But big business retailers and service companies are often too busy to care about the fine details of your spending habits, says David Fraser, a privacy lawyer with Halifax-based firm McInnes Cooper — noting in-house loyalty programs (a store that sets up and runs its own, for example) are more likely to mine specific information for inventory purposes than those offered across several stores.

A 2002 investigation by the federal Privacy Commissioner found that Air Miles — Canada's largest rewards program at 9.8 million members and counting — collects only basic data from the transaction: The date, store address and name, dollar value, number of miles earned and occasionally the category of purchase and the type of Air Miles card carried.

With the wide popularity of loyalty programs (more than eight million people have Shoppers Drug Mart's Optimum card, for instance), Fraser adds businesses have too much to lose by scrutinizing your personal spending habits. The last thing they want is for you to opt out of their initiative.

"Not everybody is concerned about privacy, but in Canada enough are that it just doesn't make business sense to alienate those people," says Fraser. "They (merchants) get some value from disclosing that information to marketing companies, but the value that they get is not overridden by the damage to the relationship with the customer if they did it without their OK."

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Many ways to maximize your points

By **RAFAEL BRUSILOW**
for Metro Calgary

Saving up your reward points for free flights and TVs is an admirable goal, but what if you don't have enough points for the big stuff? Fear not — there are many ways to stretch your reward spending.

The first thing to do is make sure your reward card is giving you the best reward returns on your purchases. Spending a few bucks on annual fees might be worth it to give you the best collection rate for points.

For example, Aeroplan gives users up to double or triple the amount of points, depending on what level of program-approved credit card you use for purchases, while BMO offers a similar reward structure with a Bronze Mosaic Air Miles card.

The next thing to do is realize you don't have to save up thousands of miles just to get some use out of your points. Air Miles customers, for instance, can trade points for gift cards, grocery cards and gas cards. Even as few as 25 Air Miles can get you a movie pass.

Perry Schwartz, senior manager of public relations for Air Miles, says the reward system is designed to let people choose rewards they can use on a daily basis.

"It's built around everyday spending. If people just do what they're doing every day, they can hit that 25 miles reward rather quickly," Schwartz said.

BMO also offers Air Miles rewards using your debit card from a savings account, and most rewards programs give regular promotions such as seasonal discounts of flights booked using reward miles. Retail stores frequently run bonus reward miles promotions too, so keep an eye out for chances to rack up a few extra points with your grocery or drugstore purchase.

While several websites allow you to consolidate your reward points from different sources, be aware that most of them take a heavy cut of your points in the exchange, sometimes as much as 50 per cent. Do your research, pick the reward point program that is right for you and stick with it to maximize the spending power of your points.

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Instead of throwing away candles when they burn down, place them in a heat-resistant container on the coffee maker. Turning the coffee maker on will melt the candles and act as scented potpourri. HGTV

Making a splash with swim space

If you think a backyard pool means a rectangular or kidney-shaped pool with a blue liner, think again. Pools these days can be so much more. The design team is thrilled to see some exciting new trends emerging in this area.

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Pools were often thought of as purely recreational space for swimming, floating, splashing, playing volleyball, performing cannonballs, and the like. They still are, but they can also be designed to look like natural pools so they fit seamlessly into the environment. They can be designed as a spa, with water jets, seating and temperature controls. They can be lap pools for cardiovascular fitness, and so much more.

Concrete in-ground pools remain expensive, starting around $50,000 for a small pool, (less for other types of liners) but we are finding that people seem to be more willing to spend their recreational dollars at home. After all, the regular drive to the cottage or the gas-guzzling flight to a tropical location will likely become more painful as the price of gas goes up.

And to tell the truth, nobody needs to feel as if they're getting less. We've seen some gorgeous trends in pools —ones that will make the backyard an absolute pleasure to enjoy privately and with many appreciative visitors. These days, there are many ways to create magical places. You won't ever want to leave your home!

One of the newest trends is a "negative edge" or infinity edge pool, with one edge that looks as if it is absent. In reality, the water flows over this edge into a basin, where it is re-circulated back into the pool. The look is stunning in the right environment — such as looking out over a body of water or out from a high place with a vista. Another emerging look is "perimeter overflow" in which the water surface is flush with the decking or stonework surrounding the pool, flowing down invisibly into small basins at the pool's edge. It looks as if a large reflective mirror has been artfully placed in your backyard and is absolutely stunning.

« Exposed stone is also a gorgeous natural look, and concrete embedded with pebbles and stones can look fetchingly natural as well.A black liner adds a delightful pond-like look. »

Fountains and waterfalls over stones add drama, set into a natural environment, as if the pool were put there by Mother Nature herself. Or you can opt for a contemporary look — say, a concrete support that sends water cascading into the pool in a perfectly smooth sheet of water. Either way, a water feature like this not only looks beautiful, the trickling or splashing sound provides a soothing background noise that masks urban noises.

Lighting can also add a special touch — from floating solar lights that feature shifting colours, to perimeter lighting, to underwater lighting to illuminate bubbling jets. Automated programmable music adds to the experience, from soothing spa sounds to a laid-back jazz evenings.

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Waterfalls over stones adds a touch of drama to your backyard pool oasis.

Pools finished with mosaic or glass tile is hot look south of the border, expensive but undoubtedly lovely. Exposed stone is also a gorgeous natural look, and concrete embedded with pebbles and stones can look fetchingly natural as well. A black liner adds a delightful pond-like look.

Another emerging idea popular with families with children or elderly users is the sloped beach-like entrance, rather than steps or a ladder to enter the water. A shallow "wet-deck" type of pool is great for little ones, but also great for adults who want to laze about on their loungers, half-submerged while they read and sip a cold one, or just nap. This sounds like a great backyard vacation to us!

Tammy Schnurr and Jeffrey Fisher are hosts of Arresting Design on W Network.

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food

To reduce charring the meat on the grill, remove skin from meat and trim off excess fat before seasoning.
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Grill low and slow

Summer just isn't summer without ribs on the grill and the secret to succulent ribs is time. These ribs require very little effort, just patience. Allow two hours from start to finish, fortunately with only an occasional check. Turn your barbecue into an outdoor oven and let it do the cooking. Buy the meatier back ribs rather than side ribs or spareribs. Rub with seasonings, cook low and slow and brush with a smoky sauce near end of cooking.

à la carte
BARB HOLLAND

Slow Cooked Smoky Back Ribs

Chipotles are both smoky and quite spicy, so adjust amount to your taste. Alternately brush ribs with your favourite smoky barbecue sauce. Serve with baked potatoes, corn and cold beer.

INGREDIENTS:
2 slabs of back ribs, about 3 lbs (1.5 kg) in total

Rib Rub:
1 tbsp (15 mL) each:Ground cumin and coriander
1-1/2 tsp (7 mL) each: Chili powder and brown sugar
1 tsp (5 mL) each: Salt, pepper and paprika
1/2 tsp (2 mL) cayenne

Sauce:
7-oz (198 g) can chipotles in adobe sauce
1/4 cup (50 mL) brown sugar

METHOD: Remove the thin membrane from undersides of ribs and trim off any excess fat. Rub evenly with rub mixture. If time permits, let stand 20 minutes.

Cook ribs over indirect heat — after preheating barbecue, turn one burner off and reduce heat on other burner(s) to low. Place ribs on unlit side, close lid and cook for 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 hours, turning over and rearranging occasionally. Place an oven thermometer in barbecue to check temperature is about 300°F (150°C). Ribs are done when you can 'wiggle' the end of the rib bones and the meat is 'relaxed'.

Rubbing meat with a flavourful blend of herbs and spices before cooking works like a dry marinade, providing great flavour and sealing in moisture.

Puree entire can of chipotles and adobe sauce in small food processor or blender. Measure out 1/4 cup (50 mL) and combine with brown sugar. Brush ribs with sauce mixture and cook another 10 to 15 minutes. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Rib tips:
• Rain check — for an alternative cooking method, arrange ribs on a rack set in a shallow baking pan. Cook in 300°F (150°C) oven as above.
• Freeze remaining pureed chipotles in small amounts to use later in chili, for a mopping sauce to brush on grilled chicken or pork, or stirred into mayonnaise for a spicy, smoky dipping sauce.
• The Right Rib — Back ribs are from the blade and centre section of a pork loin and are meatier than side ribs (or spareribs). One rack weighs about 1-1/2 lbs (750 g). Plan on 3/4 to 1 lb (375 - 500 g) per person. Side ribs are cut from the belly or side and the ribs are longer and less meaty than back ribs. Plan on 1lb (500 g) per person.

Rub tips:
• Rubbing meat with a flavourful blend of herbs and spices before cooking works like a dry marinade, providing great flavour and sealing in moisture.
• Dry mixtures are a low fat way to add maximum flavour in minimal time and they work equally well on small or large pieces. While you can buy seasoning mixtures, it's easy to create your own blends and with much less salt, which tends to draw moisture out of meat. Make sure your herbs and spices are fresh for best flavour and feel free to be creative.
• As a guideline, use about 1 tbsp (15 mL) to season a pork chop, chicken leg or steak. Use about 2 to 3 tbsp (30 to 45 mL) to season a rack of ribs, whole chicken or a roast. For lean meats, such as skinless chicken and pork steaks, mist or lightly brush seasoned meat with vegetable oil before cooking.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

bbq like a pro

Grilling tips for best flavours

METHOD Barbecue grills are not noted for being non-stick, so here are a few tips to help prevent your food from becoming one with the grill.
» Each time you've finished barbecuing, burn off the remains. Let the gas grill run on high for 10 minutes (covered), then cool and scrape clean. This also prevents lingering flavours from going rancid and mid-night raccoon raids.
» Before you start up the barbecue, lightly brush cold grates with vegetable oil or use an oiled paper towel.
» Make sure grill is sufficiently hot, allow at least 10 minutes to preheat a gas barbecue; and 45 minutes for a charcoal grill or when the coals are covered in gray ash. Cook initially at high or medium-high heat to sear both sides of meat, then reduce to medium or low. Close lid to hold in heat.

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Welcome to fudgy heaven

Canadian Trish Magwood has won the prestigious James Beard Award in the Entertaining category for her recent book of recipes and entertaining strategies, Dish Entertains. The James Beard awards, considered the "Oscars" of the culinary world, were announced early June during a three-day gala celebration in New York City.

Harper Collins Canada offered Metro this chewy, delicious recipe that kids will love from the award-winning book Dish Entertains:

Mocha Brownies

There are two camps when it comes to brownies — fudge brownies and cake brownies. If you fall into the fudge camp, you have found heaven with this recipe. Makes 12 large or 24 mini brownies.

INGREDIENTS:
1 cup (250 mL) all-purpose flour
1 tbsp (15 mL) instant espresso powder
1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
6 oz (175 g) bittersweet chocolate, chopped
2 oz (60 g) unsweetened chocolate, chopped
3/4 cup (175 mL) unsalted butter, cubed
1 1/2 cups (375 mL) sugar
2 1/2 tsp (12 mL) vanilla
4 large eggs
3/4 cup (175 mL) semi-sweet chocolate chips

METHOD: Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Butter a 13- x 9-inch (3 L) baking pan and line with parchment paper (or grease pan and dust with flour).

In a small bowl, combine flour, espresso powder and salt. Set aside.

In a medium heat-proof bowl over a pot of barely simmering water, melt bittersweet chocolate, unsweetened chocolate and butter together, stirring occasionally. (Make sure no water touches the chocolate.) Remove from heat and add sugar and vanilla; stir with a wooden spoon or spatula until smooth. Stir in eggs, one at a time, until incorporated. Fold in flour mixture. Stir in chocolate chips.

Spread in prepared pan and bake for 25 to 30 minutes, or until set but a few crumbs stick to tester when inserted. Let cool on a rack.

Dish Entertains by Trish Magwood is available at *Amazon.ca* with a current list price of $28.32 for the hardcover edition.

Chocolate tips:
• "Like water for chocolate" — ever wonder what that phrase meant? When chocolate is being melted, any amount of water in the chocolate will make it seize. (Don't ask. It's ugly and you'll have to start over.) Chocolate doesn't like moisture, so don't keep it in the fridge — best to keep in a cool, dark, dry place.
• Once brownies have cooled, using a small round cookie cutter, cut into rounds and skewer onto popsicle sticks for brownie lollipops. Serve them with warm chocolate and dulce de leche dipping sauces, if you like.

Serve these fudgy brownies with warm chocolate and dulce de leche dipping sauces, if you like.

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entertainment

Supermodel Iman, left, will be returning as host of Project Runway Canada. The new season makes its debut in January 2009. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Free speech at heart of doc

Actor Stein explores volatile world of Intelligent Design

By **RICK McGINNIS**
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Writer, actor and TV personality Ben Stein jumps into the controversial world of Intelligent Design in his documentary Expelled.

Ben Stein admits that he's probably most famous for his deadpan cameo as a teacher in Ferris Bueller's Day Off, though at various times he has been a game show host, a speechwriter for Richard Nixon, and a columnist for Penthouse magazine. His career has had many different chapters, but the latest puts him in the middle of a controversy that most people probably thought had been laid to rest with the Scopes Monkey Trial.

As the narrator and protagonist of the documentary Expelled, Stein goes on a journey through the universities, museums and scientific institutions of America and Britain, trying to figure out just why everyone there seems to be in a rage about Intelligent Design, a theory that suggests that some sort of built-in logic or intervention might be the best way to explain away questions that still bedevil the study of evolution. Jobs have been lost, reputations damaged or even destroyed, and battle lines drawn across almost every scientific discipline.

Stein insists that he was sure that he'd get answers from the Darwinian camp that would make ID look like the joke it's supposed to be. "Three years ago or whenever we started this, I thought I was going to come to a completely different result than the one I came to," Stein says. "I thought I'd just go to (ID's proponents), and I'll say, look, this is an interesting idea but we now know that you guys are fruitcakes, and so we now know the answers. But we never found the answers, and frankly their answers started to sound more and more plausible."

Ultimately, Stein says he remains less interested in scientific theories than freedom of speech, and the way that any debate about ID has been crushed or dismissed outright.

"To tell you the truth, I don't have particularly strong feelings about ID. I have a strong feeling that Darwinism doesn't explain as much as people think it does, but I'm not worried about that one way or another, but I'm very worried about freedom of speech issues. I'm worried about them in the U.S. and, from what I've been told by close Canadian friends, I'm worried about them in Canada, too. I think Canada has some big free speech issues it's facing now."

The battle over ID is typified – not entirely accurately – as one between science and religion, though Stein maintains that the worship of science above morality and the suppression of dissent is at the heart of the worst atrocities of the last century, including the Holocaust.

"My sister, who's a very smart woman, likes to say, 'Your basic human is not such a hot item.' And I think that's a very good understanding of what's gone on in the 20th century, and all the centuries prior to it, and also in this century. How you deal with that is a big, big problem, but telling people what they can and cannot say is not the way to deal with it."

music

Coldplay album debuts at No. 1

Martin

CHARTS Rock band Coldplay's new album debuted at No. 1 on the U.S. pop music chart Tuesday, largely bucking the sales slides that have affected other musicians, Reuters reports the group's label as saying.

Viva La Vida or Death and All His Friends, Coldplay's fourth release, sold more than 720,000 copies in the six days ended Sunday, Capitol Records said.

music

Oasis announces new album title

DETAILS British rockers Oasis have revealed that their upcoming album will be called Dig Out Your Soul, BBC News Online reports.

The album, recorded in London's famous Abbey Road studios, comes out in U.K. on October 6, preceded by single The Shock of The Lightning.

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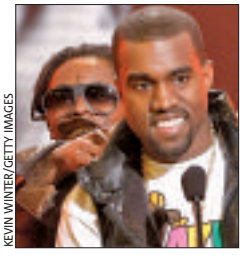

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Kanye West, front, and Lil Wayne at BET Awards.

West wins two, Keys hails Obama at BET show

Rap star Kanye West picked up two prizes Tuesday at the BET Awards, while Alicia Keys was one of several stars who used the occasion to salute presidential contender Barack Obama.

The only other multiple winner was the hip-hop duo UGK, consisting of Bernard "Bun B" Freeman and the recently deceased Chad "Pimp C" Butler. In all 15 awards were handed out during a three-hour show mixing the heroes of contemporary hip-hop and old-school R&B.

Keys, flying high with a successful worldwide tour, a chart-topping album and an upcoming film, shared the stage with three leading female ensemble acts from the 1990s — TLC, En Vogue and Sisters with Voices — for a medley of R&B music.

She went on to win the prize for best female R&B artist, and offered a heartfelt endorsement to Obama. "Together we can do anything — Obama, y'all!" she enthused.

Teen sensation Chris Brown, who topped the U.S. singles chart last year with Kiss Kiss, was named best male R&B performer.

Veteran soul crooner Al Green, recipient of a lifetime achievement award, got the audience in the Shrine Auditorium on its feet singing, and dancing, along with his classic 1970s hit Let's Stay Together.

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Blake Lewis, right, may have come in second place on season 6 of American Idol, but he won't be seeing a second release on Arista Records. The label "will not be picking up Blake's option"for any future recorded projects, a rep said. EW.COM

honour

Queen knights author Rushdie

CONTROVERSY Author Salman Rushdie has been knighted by the Queen in London for his services to literature, BBC News Online reports.

Muslims around the world condemned the award when it was announced last year in the Monarch's Birthday Honours list.

Sir Salman, 61, went into hiding in 1989 after the publication of his book The Satanic Verses.

The novel sparked widespread protests by Muslims and Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini issued a fatwa against him.

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Toss-up between top acts

Sled Island is about choice. In fact, the options feel endless. Perhaps even impossible.

And unlike typical festivals, the alternatives aren't quite so easy to navigate. There isn't one big, dirty field to stumble around, bouncing from band to band.

With four days of the music and culture festival ahead, 22 venues scattered throughout the city and 100+ artists, sometimes it's a coin toss. Here are a few places I'd like to be if I could be in more than one place at a time this weekend.

Elliott Brood plays downstairs at the Royal Canadian Legion #1 (117-7th Ave SE) around midnight tonight. This folk rock soul group — no, it's not some dude named Elliott — recently released a new album called Mountain Meadows. They may be from Toronto, but they sure can rock the country. That reads two ways, and I mean both.

Earlier in the evening, Calgary scene darling Chad VanGaalen plays the Science Centre (701-11th Street SW) along with the cleverly-named Vancouver-based Young and Sexy.

HEATHER SETKA

Wait a minute, there could be enough time to hit both venues. As long as you strictly avoid the distraction of several watering holes in between.

On Friday night, Tegan and Sara open for Broken Social Scene at the Mewata Main Stage (1220-9th Ave SW). For those who've yet to experience the Calgary-bred Quin twin sisters, their banter alone is worth it. Plus, BSS is probably something every Canadian under 36-and-a-half should say they've seen.

But if you're into something cozier, check out locals Axis of Conversation with Irish indie group The Popular Front. They're both at the Pumphouse Theatre (2140 Pumphouse Avenue SW) tomorrow night. For more artists, venues and ticket information, visit *sledisland.com*.

Of course, Sled Island itself isn't your only option this weekend.

The Kensington Fine Art Gallery on 11th Ave SW opens up artist Sonja Olson's "Serious Pop" on Saturday. Olson's work is like Warhol with cows and horses. And speaking of farm animals, the Stampeders' CFL home opener against the B.C. Lions is tonight at McMahon Stadium.

Art or football. Now, how's that for choice?

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Man cleared in bribe trial with Winehouse's hubby

A pub landlord was cleared Wednesday of taking a 200,000 pound ($394,000) bribe to spare his attackers, one of whom was British soul singer Amy Winehouse's husband, from jail.

The jury at Snaresbrook Crown Court in east London found James King, 36, not guilty of perverting the course of justice.

Winehouse's husband Blake Fielder-Civil and Michael Brown both pleaded guilty to attacking King in London in June, 2006, and to trying to bribe him.

Fielder-Civil, 26, faces up to five years in prison when he is sentenced at a later date.

King told the trial that he had been intimidated into withdrawing his statement against Fielder-Civil and Brown by middlemen seeking to broker a deal to buy his silence.

The two middlemen have pleaded guilty to perverting the course of justice.

Grammy-winning singer Winehouse, who has been fighting drug addiction and who was rushed to hospital last week after fainting at home, was in court earlier this month to support Fielder-Civil during pre-trial hearings.

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Troubled 24-year-old singer Amy Winehouse has been in hospital since her collapse.

The 24-year-old has been in hospital since her collapse, and her father told a newspaper she was suffering from the lung condition emphysema. A publicist has since backtracked, saying she had early signs of what could lead to the condition.

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Fourteen-year-old actress Taylor Momsen, right, who stars on Gossip Girl, has just signed to IMG Models, the agency has confirmed. PEOPLE.COM

Sopranos garb garners big bucks

Auction sells show's clothes for charity

Tough North Jersey mob boss Tony Soprano from hit TV series The Sopranos whacked buyers' bank accounts at Christie's yesterday when his wardrobe sold for $187,750 US — four times the auction house's forecast.

James Gandolfini, who played Soprano for six seasons over 8½ years, sold his personal costume wardrobe in 25 lots at Christie's pop culture auction, with all proceeds going to Wounded Warrior, a charity that helps wounded U.S. troops.

The top lot was a bloody outfit worn when Soprano was shot at the beginning of season six by Uncle Junior in a fit of dementia, which sold for $43,750, nearly 12 times Christie's pre-sale estimate for the outfit.

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Clothes warn by James Gandolifini, second from right, who portrayed mob boss Tony Soprano in the hit HBO show The Sopranos, sold for over $185,000 at a Christie's auction yesterday. The money raised went to Wounded Warrior, a charity that helps wounded U.S. troops.

Gandolfini was at the auction to see Soprano's signature white tank top, light blue striped boxer shorts, striped short robe and leather scuffs go under the hammer for $21,250, again soaring above the pre-sale estimate of $1,500.

Another robe — forecast to go for $1,500 — fetched $13,750, while the blue shirt worn by the mob boss in the opening credits of the TV show sold for the same amount, well above the estimate of between $2,000 and $3,000.

Also up for grabs were a selection of costumes worn by other Sopranos characters, including Junior Soprano, Paulie Walnuts and A.J. Soprano.

The award-winning HBO series broke new ground for television: portraying a conflicted man who tries to balance family life with his Mafia career. REUTERS

movies

X-Files boss quietly works on new film

SECRET X-Files creator Chris Carter has been quietly directing the dark drama Fencewalker in the Los Angeles area, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

Although his second X-Files feature doesn't even release until next month, THR reports that the director is underway on this next project, which reportedly stars Natalie Dormer (The Tudors). EW.COM

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» **GAME SHOWS** Cable channel GSN has hired actress Kim Coles (Living Single) and stand-up comedian Judy Gold to host the pilots for its revivals of The Dating Game and The Newlywed Game, respectively. REUTERS

people

Aiken appeals for aid to Somalia

Aiken

CRISIS Pop singer Clay Aiken, who gained fame on TV talent show American Idol, appealed yesterday for the world not to forget Somalia, where conflict and hunger have created one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. Aiken said U.S. and international interest in Somalia had been minimal since failed military intervention in the early 1990s.

"There hasn't been much discussion of Somalia since the early 1990s in the U.S.," said Aiken, a U.N. goodwill ambassador, on a visit to Somalia. REUTERS

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critics' corner

The Lost Room

Norman Bates' place ain't got nothin' on the Sunshine Motel, especially Room 10. This three-part miniseries stars Julianna Margulies as a woman who teams up with a detective (Peter Krause) to investigate after her brother is killed for his motel room key. The room turns out to be full of objects with scary supernatural powers, objects that certain people will stop at nothing to get their hands on. Elle Fanning — Dakota's little sis — also stars. 7 PM on SPACE

CFL Football

The 2008 CFL season gets under way tonight at Hamilton's Ivor Wynne Stadium, where Anthony Calvillo and the Montreal Alouettes hope to erase the memories of a disappointing 2007 campaign against Casey Printers and the league doormat Tiger-Cats. Part of that, undoubtedly, will be getting a full season from veteran quarterback Calvillo, who took a leave of absence late last season to care for his ailing wife. 5 PM on TSN

An Ideal Husband

Tangled web, anyone? Jeremy Northam stars as Sir Robert Chiltern, whose life with wife Gertrude (Cate Blanchett) is great. But when a former acquaintance (Julianna Moore) arrives with blackmail on her mind, His wife and his womanizing friend (Rupert Everett) are the only ones who can defuse the situation. Minnie Driver and John Wood also star in this 1999 comedy. 7 PM on BRAVO

Celebrity Buzz

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Dark Knight snub 'absurd'

Family affair: Michelle Williams has dismissed reports she is snubbing the premiere of Batman Begins sequel The Dark Knight because of a bust-up with her late boyfriend Heath Ledger's parents, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

Reports suggest Williams wouldn't attend the screening of Ledger's last complete film, because she is angry with Ledger's father Kim's handling of the actor's estate.

But her representative Mara Buxbaum insists the claim is "absurd."

She tells *People.com*, "The presumption that Michelle ever intended to attend The Dark Knight premiere is unfounded, but to say she is 'boycotting' due to a rift with Heath's family is absurd.

"It is time to allow this family to go about their lives without this continued scrutiny and speculation."

Ledger's parents and sister will jet to New York from their home in Australia to attend the premiere on July 14 — six months after Ledger took a fatal overdose of prescription drugs at his Manhattan home.

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Mayer warned ex before tabloids

RELATIONSHIP John Mayer might have broken Minka Kelly's heart when he left her for Jennifer Aniston — but he had the decency to call her before the news about them hit the press, *PageSix.com* reports.

A pal of Kelly's said, "Minka received a call from John (and) He apologized (saying), 'Sorry, but I'm really in love.'" She found that interesting as, "during his relationship with her, John mentioned, 'I don't really get this Jennifer Aniston thing.'"

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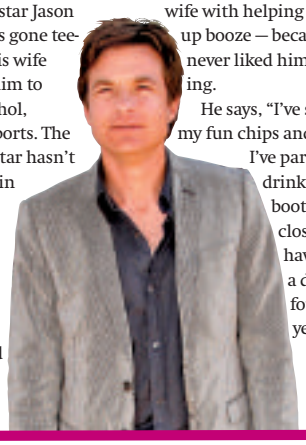
Bateman bans the booze

PEOPLE Juno star Jason Bateman has gone teetotal after his wife persuaded him to give up alcohol, *imdb.com* reports. The 39-year-old star hasn't had a drink in four years and puts his newfound clean living down to a desire to grow up and leave his adolescence behind.

Bateman also credits his wife with helping him give up booze — because she never liked him drinking.

He says, "I've spent all my fun chips and now I've parked my drinking boots in the closet. I haven't had a drink in four years."



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Celebrity brief

CUSTODY Britney Spears has been awarded overnight privileges with her sons, *People.com* reports. The pop star hasn't had her children overnight since January.

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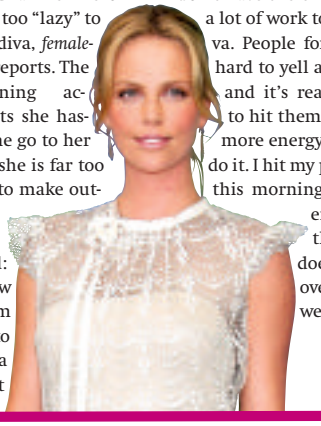
Theron too lazy to be a diva

CELEBRITY Charlize Theron says she is too "lazy" to ever be a diva, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports. The Oscar-winning actress insists she hasn't let fame go to her head and she is far too laid back to make outrageous demands.

She said: "You know what, I'm lazy and to be a diva takes a lot of energy and so that's why I don't do it because I just don't have the energy. It's a lot of work to be a diva. People forget. It's hard to yell at people and it's really hard to hit them. If I had more energy I would do it. I hit my publicist this morning. Apparently that doesn't go over too well!"



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MONEY Reese Witherspoon is Hollywood's highest paid actress, according to a new study. The Legally Blonde star pulls in an estimated $15 to $20 million US per film, putting her at the top of the new Hollywood Reporter rich list, ahead of Cameron Diaz and Nicole Kidman, *People.com* reports. Renee Zellweger, Halle Berry and Julia Roberts also make the new trade Top 10.

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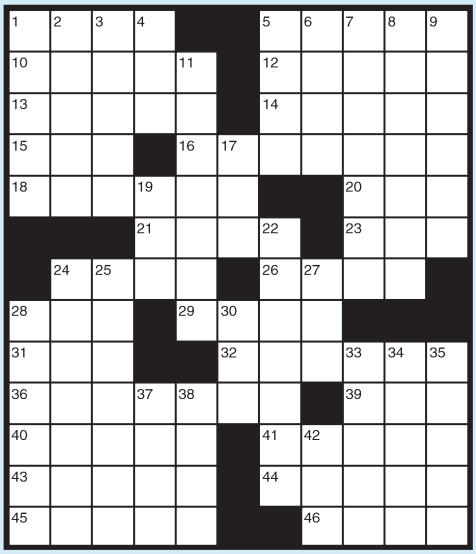

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3 Geriatrics topic
4 Poet Hughes
5 Pack full
6 Walk unevenly
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8 How we roll along
9 Brews
11 Comeback
17 Put away
19 Distress code
22 Annals
24 School fundraiser
25 Dish, perhaps
27 M.B.A. or Ph.D.
28 Trattoria choices
30 Tennis feat
33 Ford's predecessor
34 Dote on
35 Road markers
37 Like some cheese
38 Major, for one
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12 Metal fastener
13 Digression
14 Love, to Luigi
15 Take the cup
16 Fanged monster
18 Walks
20 Party staple
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23 Chicago trains
24 Home for José
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29 Sneaker part
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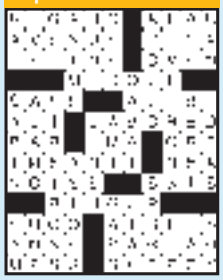

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ARIES | March 21-April 20
Mechanical problems cause a commotion. Spread the news about a relative's intentions. A meeting will create changes in policy.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
Friendly behaviour causes wistful thoughts to arise. A co-worker's drama is comical. A man will show compassion.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
Dreams of the future start to take shape. Work that you've been doing will begin to pay off. Help a parent with a dilemma.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
Someone wants to discuss "important matters". Lost documents will delay a deal. A painful romance is about to end.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
A peculiar tale won't be very satisfying. Be truthful if you're feeling forlorn. Don't pretend that all is well if it isn't.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Be careful with weird people. Someone picks up the pieces of a broken heart. Give up on unrealistic concepts of happiness.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
You'll be sure of someone's secret feelings. Keeping a stiff upper lip puts your nerves on edge. A hermit looks to you for kindness.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
Somebody shows the depth of their perception. A mother issues an invitation. A crisis situation comes to a head.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
Satisfaction comes in strange packages. The solution to a problem is in your room. A red-haired person won't bother to respond.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
You'll cope well with a minor setback. Other people's property causes nightmares. There's no point repeating yourself.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
An obsession continues to distract you. A seducer works well with a romantic. Remain firm in the face of silly revelations.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Be playful with a friendly lover. Your finances will involve displeased strangers. An appointment is missed due to forgetfulness.

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instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time »

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

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This Day IN HISTORY

June 26, 1284: According to legend, the Pied Piper lures 130 children of Hamelin away.

June 26, 1870: The Christian holiday of Christmas is declared a federal holiday in the United States.

June 26, 1945: The United Nations Charter is signed in San Francisco.

June 26, 1976: The CN Tower, the tallest free-standing structure on land in the world, was opened.

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Calgary weather

The Weather Network theweathernetwork.com

Afternoon	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Variable. 20°	Clear. Low 5°	Sunny. 23°/ 10°	Sunny. 27°/ 14°	Sunny. 29°/ 13°

Temperature
Normals
High: 21.3°
Low: 8°

Records
High: 35°/1926
Low: 0°/1951

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Sunset: 9:55 p.m.
Moonrise: 12:00 a.m.
Moonset: 2:22 p.m.

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